[*Note.*—An asterisk * at the Commencement of a speach indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—CALLING ATTENTION TO THE FAILURE AND DESTRUCTION OF CROPS DUE TO VAGARIES OF MONSOON IN UDAYARPALAYAM TALUK IN TIRUCHIRAPPALLI DISTRICT.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, under Rule 41 of the Assembly Rules, I beg to call the attention of the Hon. the Minister for Home to an urgent matter of public importance, viz., failure and destruction of crops due to vagaries of monsoon in Udayarpalayam taluk in Tiruchirappalli district and the consequent inability of the ryots to repay the New Well Subsidy loans.

9-30 a.m. THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I would like to make the following statement. According to the report received from the Collector of Tiruchirappalli, there has been no failure and destruction of crops due to the vagaries of monsoon in Udayarpalayam taluk. Both dry and wet crops have yielded well above average. In stray cases due to heavy rains in November 1960, some wet fields were affected. They are being granted remission under B.S.O. 13. Among the dry crops, the earlier sowings of groundnut and cumbu did not thrive due to lack of rains. But this deficiency of yield was compensated by the good yield from later sowings which benefited from rains though belated. In any case, the condition in Udayarpalayam taluk as a whole is normal and the Government consider that there is no warrant for any concession by way of postponement of kist or loan advances.

III.—ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that the following Eleven Members were duly nominated for the election of even Members of the Madras Legislative Assembly to the House Committee for the financial year 1961-62 :—

1 Sri N. P. M. Chinnia Gounder.
2 Sri K. S. G. Haja Sheriff.
3 Sri M Kandasamy Padayachi.
4 Sri M. R. Kandasamy Mudaliyar.
5 Srimathi Kamalambujammal.
6 Sri N. Marudachalam.
7 Sri K. G. Palanisamy Gounder.
8 Sri A. V. P. Periavalaguruva Reddiar.
9 Sri S. Ramaswamy Thevar.
10 Sri M. Selvaraj.
11 Sri V. Vedayyan.

As the number of candidates who wer eduly nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., ELEVEN, I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the House Committee.